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Parish Council

At the February meeting the Council agreed to set up a meeting of Parish organisations to consider the subject of Millenium Celebrations. The meeting was arranged for 10th April and hopefully all have received invitations.

It was reported that Mr Freeman had replied regarding the plans by 'Little Pippins' for a permanent building in the Freeman Orchard. He was pleased the group was flourishing, and doesn't object to a permanent building but hopes that care will be taken to maintain as much of the orchard setting as possible.

At the request of the Land Committee, the Parish Council again discussed the proposal to contribute towards the cost of a wind-break for the Bowls Club. This time the proposal was carried *nem con* with two abstentions.

The Recreation Ground extension was discussed, and it was agreed to hold a competition for designs for the new area. Prizes will be given for two age-groups at Harwell Primary School, and two among other children living in Harwell. A closing date of 23rd May was set. Mrs Anne Fisher will coordinate; Peter Cissell has produced an advertisement - see elsewhere for further details. The Council does not undertake to use the winning entries, but will take account of all suggestions in making its plans.

Cemetery maintenance was discussed at the February meeting, following on from the previous Lands Committee meeting, where comments indicating several problem-areas were discussed. The next Lands Committee would discuss this further.

The Lands and Recreation Committee, at its March meeting, considered the Cemetery Fees and Policies. The former have remained unchanged for some time, while the latter exist as a number of decisions, rather than being codified in a statement. For example a decision was taken some time ago not to allow kerbstones. Following approval by the full Council meeting, a summary will be published in the newsletter, and copies of the policy statement and fees will be available from the Clerk.

It was reported at the March meeting that a parishioner had written concerning the state of fencing and lighting on the footpath between Manor Green and Gaveston Road. The Clerk would write to the owner regarding the former and the OCC about the lighting.

Parish Council Meetings are normally held on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Recreation Ground Pavilion at 7.45pm. The next meetings are on 14th April and 12th May. Items for the agenda should be with the Clerk, Debbie Roberts ten days before the meeting - contact her on 820006 (office, answer-phone) or 832727 (home). The deadline for the next newsletter is 31st May.

Planning Matters

Notices of Permission:

HAR/14745 Erection of new dwelling and garage, formation of new access onto Gaveston Road, subject to conditions.

HAR/4870/10 Erection of 4 dwellings with garages at Herring Homes, Reading Road, subject to conditions.

Notices of Refusal:

HAR/11889/4 Erection of a single detached house, etc. Westfield House, Manor Green. An appeal has been submitted.

New Applications:

HAR/14822 Extension to Pinecroft, Reading Road.

HAR/14834 Extension to 32 Manor Green.

HAR/2459/3 Change of land use from orchard to garden, Thatch Cottage, Abingdon Road.

HAR/588/2 Change of use from agricultural to horse-paddock and erection of shelter and feed-store, land off The Barrow.

HAR/2231/4 Extn. at The Old House, Reading Rd.

HAR/12453 Extn. to Holywell Cottage, Wellshead

Annual Parish Meeting

This will be held on Thursday 15th May at 8pm. in the Village Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend, and may raise any matter concerning the Parish Council's activities.

Harwell Tennis Club

As we approach the start of another season, I hope that all the current members are getting ready to play again. I also hope that there are a number of you in the village who have been inspired by Tim Henman and feel that you too could play tennis, and would like to join the Club. The subscriptions are low - £18 for family membership, £9 for an adult, £5 for students and £3 for juniors. If you are interested please get in touch with Jane Cumming on 835289.

The Club AGM is to be held on Tuesday 15th April at 7.30 pm in the Freeman Hall. All current members and anyone interested in joining will be made very welcome,

Jenny White - Chairman

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HARWELL PARISH COUNCIL

VILLAGE COMPETITION

DESIGN YOUR OWN VILLAGE RECREATION GROUND

Group 1 Age up to 13 years. **Group 2** from 14 to 18 years.

£25 Gift Vouchers as a prize for the best of each group.

Residents of the Village only, but do not enter if you are already taking part in the Harwell County Primary School Competition.

ENTRIES TO BE SUBMITTED by FRIDAY 23rd MAY 1997

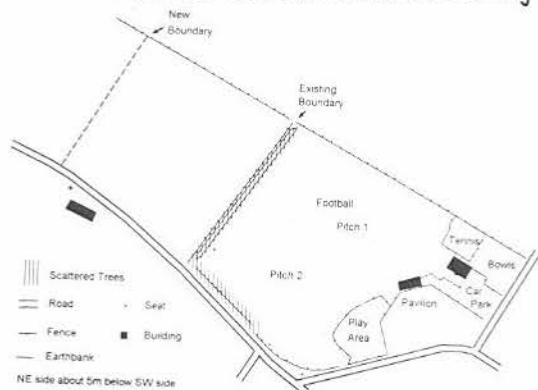
NO BUDGET RESTRICTIONS !!!

The following are suggestions as to what you may include in your layout: Football, Rugby and Hockey pitches, Cricket Square, Small copse, Nature reserve area with wild flowers, Planted Rest Garden for the elderly, An interesting walk around the whole area, Kick wall for football and netball practise, Pitch and Putt, Crazy Golf, New Pavilion, All weather play area. Plus many others you may think of.

Blank Plans are available from the Clerk: Debbie Roberts
or Cllr. Anne Fisher (Competition Co-ordinator)

Telephone: 820006

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Harwell Feast is back again!

Bank Holiday Monday 26th May
Harwell Recreation Ground
Gates Open 11a.m.

Entry: Adults £1 Children Free

Parade of Floats, Vintage Cars and Tractors, May
Queen, etc leaves Townsend 11am for the Rec.

A family day for all the village

Car-boot Sale - cars £7

Fun Run - details from Roger Thetford 221139
Craft Tent - details from Norah Dearlove 210620

Children's Fancy Dress: classes 0 to 5 years and
6 to 11 years - meet at Townsend at 10.45am to
ride on the Fancy Dress Float

Bonny Baby Competition - 0 to 1 year

Children's races, Uncle Brian, Silverdown
Gymkhana, Country Dancing, Dog Agility,
Tug-of-War, Animal Tent, Fairground, Pig Roast,
Barbecue, Ice-creams, etc.

In addition to the events on the field we also
present a

"Harwell Past & Present" Exhibition
in the
Village Hall

All proceeds from Harwell Feast will be distributed
amongst village organisations.

Opposite are a few items gleaned from the old
North Berks Herald. The Harwell Book (still avail-
able from Mrs Woollen and Mrs Pyke) has more on
the history of Harwell Feast.



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HARWELL SPORTS.

BRITISH LEGION HOLIDAY PROGRAMME.

Harwell's annual sports day, arranged by the British Legion, drew most of the villagers to the recreation ground on Saturday.

About 50 entrants in eight classes for fancy dress took part in a parade from Townsend to the recreation ground, where judging was undertaken by Mr. J. D. Cockcroft and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis.

Tea for 200 children was provided in the Technical Institute by the Women's Institute, and in the evening sports were held for children and adults. A grandmother, Mrs. F. King, won all three women's events.

The day ended with a dance in the Institute.

Sports results were:-

20 Yards Handicap.—Boys 5-7: 1. A. Wickes; 2. C. Prior; 3. M. Blissett; Girls 5-7: 1. M. Leach; 2. W. Harmer; 3. J. Herry.

50 Yards Handicap.—Boys 7-9: 1. M. Mulford; 2. M. Harmer; 3. B. Broad; Girls 7-9: 1. J. Prior; 2. F. Mitchell; 3. W. Mobbs.

80 Yards Handicap.—Boys 9-11: 1. J. King; 2. B. Bosley; 3. J. Harris; Girls 9-11: 1. M. Roby; 2. M. Crossman; 3. P. Blissett.

100 Yards Handicap.—Boys 11-13: 1. J. King; 2. P. Brown; 3. J. Prior; Girls 11-13: 1. S. Cracknell; 2. J. Coombes; 3. E. Woodley; Boys 13 and over: 1. R. Mulford; 2. C. Prior; 3. K. Cox; Girls 13 and over: 1. P. Rose; 2. H. James; 3. B. Curdett.

Egg and Spoon.—Boys 5-7: 1. J. Green; 2. M. Stroud; 3. P. Slader; Girls 5-7: 1. M. Leach; 2. M. Talbot; 3. B. Brown; Boys 7-9: 1. G. Cox; 2. C. Prior; 3. F. Stroud; Girls 7-9: 1. J. Prior; 2. F. Bother; 3. M. Mitchell; Boys 9-11: 1. K. Trotman; 2. A. Cox; 3. J. Campbell; Girls 9-11: 1. C. Mulford; 2. P. Prior; 3. P. Blissett.

Three-legged.—Boys 11-13: 1. J. King and D. Bates; 2. P. Prior and B. Mobbs; Girls 11-13: 1. J. Coombes and J. Talbot; 2. H. Mitchell and J. Bosley; Boys 13 and over: 1. P. Cox and J. Prior; 2. Mulford and P. Prior; Girls 13 and over: 1. M. Cox and J. Bates; 2. H. James and R. Hoare.

Hoops.—Boys 5-7: 1. J. Green; 2. J. Slader; 3. S. Delella; Girls 5-7: 1. M. Leach; 2. J. McDowell; 3. M. Prior; Boys 7-9: 1. M. Harmer; 2. M. Arnold; 3. C. Prior; Girls 7-9: 1. M. Hoare; 2. P. Hilton; 3. V. Partridge.

Sack Race.—Boys 5-7: 1. K. Trotman; 2. D. Cox; 3. A. Cox; Girls 5-7: 1. J. King; 2. D. Wilkes; 3. A. Harris; Boys 7-9: 1. C. Prior; 2. R. Mulford; 3. R. Froude; Girls 7-9: 1. J. Roby; 2. J. Coombes; 3. D. Swanborough; Boys 9-11: 1. H. James; 2. J. Coombes; 3. P. Hitchman.

Skipping.—Girls 5-11: 1. P. Prior; 2. D. Pugh; 3. M. Roby; Girls 11-13: 1. J. Coombes; 2. S. Cracknell; 3. H. Mitchell; Girls 13 and over: 1. H. James; 2. R. Hoare; 3. M. Cox.

Wheelbarrow.—Boys 11-13: 1. A. Harris and J. King; 2. J. Prior and D. Bates; Boys 13 and over: 1. R. Cox and J. Prior; 2. C. Prior and R. Mulford; Slow Bicycle.—Under 11: 1. K. Trotman; 2. F. Mitchell; 3. M. Prior; Over 11: 1. R. Froude; 2. H. Mitchell; 3. P. Rose.

ADULTS

100 Yards Handicap.—Men: 1. Frewin; 2. H. Cockes; 3. R. Prior; 100 Yards.—Women: 1. Mrs. F. King; 2. Mrs. B. Bother; 3. Miss D. Rider; Men over 45: 1. S. Prior; 2. A. Warwick; 3. B. R. Tyler.

Three-legged.—Mixed: 1. A. King and Miss D. Webb; 2. R. Prior and Miss D. Rider.

Sack Race.—Men: 1. B. Mulford; 2. F. Anderson; 3. S. Prior; Women: 1. Mrs. F. King; 2. Miss D. Webb; 3. Mrs. Burage.

Wheelbarrow.—Mixed: 1. B. Connolly and Miss J. Osman; 2. E. Cannings and Mrs. F. King.

Egg and Spoon.—Women: 1. Mrs. F. King; 2. Miss D. Webb; 3. Miss J. Osman; Men: 1. H. Blissett; 2. S. Prior.



Above: A group of competitors in one of the fancy dress classes held in connection with the British Legion sports and fete at Harwell.

70 years ago - 1927

HARWELL.

WHITSUN SPORTS.

Harwell was en fete on Whit-Monday on the occasion of sports, etc., arranged by the ex-Service men, with their hon. secretary (Mr. King).

The service at the Memorial Cross in the morning was very well attended. The Dialect Band, under Bandmaster Bellamy, accompanying the hymns. The Rev. T. Saunders, Chaplain to the Bishop of Calcutta, with Pastor Ritchie, conducted the service, and a beautiful wreath was placed on the Memorial by the ex-Service men in memory of their fallen comrades. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Lance-Corporal of the 4th Batt. Berks Territorials.

At 1 o'clock dinner was served at the Technical Institute, the chair being taken by Mr. S. Cudwell, Major Glyn, M.P., in proposing the toast of the ex-Service men, referred to his experiences on the War Graves Commission, and showed how much had been done to comfort the relatives of the fallen by careful upkeep of the graves and visits to the battlefields. The special point he made was that parties from villages were being organised and assisted to visit graves of relatives. He referred in eulogistic terms to the work of the British Legion, of which he was a member, and he thought it would be well if Harwell ex-Service men considered the advisability of joining the Legion. It gave him pleasure to couple the name of Mr. Fuller, their old schoolmaster, with the toast.

Mr. Fuller responded, and reminded them that the efficient enforcement of discipline at school had borne good results in the Great War.

The Rev. T. Saunders proposed the toast of the lady helpers (Messdames Dyson, Hudson, H. King, P. Jefferies, A. Harris, Pinchen, Blanche and Miss King), to which Mr. John Carter responded. Flying Officer Young proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. S. Cudwell, the Chairman.

A programme of sports took place later at the Recreation Ground and was a great success. The starters were Messrs. Storr, S. Cudwell, R. Day and the judges Dr. Rice, Messrs. J. E. Pryor and J. Carter. The following were the results:

80 yards race for boys under 10.—1. H. Dodd; 2. H. Hall; 3. East.

100 yards flat race (open).—1. Keep; 2. W. Pryor; 3. Wilcher.

220 yards ditto.—1. Keep; 2. Wilcher; 3. W. Pryor.

80 yards ditto, children 10-14 years.—1. V. David; 2. N. Palmer; 3. R. East.

Half-mile flat (open).—1. Porch; 2. H. Pryor; 3. K. Hoare.

100 yards veteran (open).—1. Whiting; 2. H. Baldwin; 3. East.

440 yards (open).—1. Greenwood; 2. A. Thatcher; 3. Keep.

12g and spoon.—1. Mrs. F. King; 2. Mrs. Chippis.

Thread-the-needle (for lady helpers).—1. Miss H. King; 2. Mrs. H. King; 3. Mrs. Pinchen.

Thread-the-needle (open).—1. Miss Baldwin; 2. Mrs. H. King; 3. Mrs. W. Hitchman.

Slow bicycle race (open).—1. R. J. Walker; 2. Frost.

Running and hopping race.—1. R. Mott; 2. K. Hoare; 3. R. Lay.

Turn-of-war (open).—1. Mr. Jeal's team, 21; 2. Mr. G. Harrie's team, 10s.

Guessing weight of cake.—Three tied; prize shared.

Hovelling for pig.—Tied, C. Couling and Miss Smith, shared.

Guessing weight of pig.—Three tied; prize divided.

The prizes were distributed by Dr. R. Rice. The dance at the Technical Institute in the evening was kept up with vigour till a late hour to the strains of the "Cora" jazz band.

Almost 60 years ago - 1938

SUCCESSFUL WHIT-MONDAY GATHERING.

The Harwell British Legion branch's Whit-Monday sports, revived after a lapse of several years, attracted a crowd of about 100 to the village Recreation Ground. There were races for both grown-ups and children, and in addition there were a number of side shows and a fun fair. "Seventon Brass Band, conducted by Mr. J. W. Dunsdon, played during the afternoon and evening, and at night there was a dance in the Technical Institute, for which Mr. A. R. C. Webb acted as M.C.

The sports officials were:—Referees, Dr. R. Rice, Mr. R. J. B. Day and Mr. R. S. Waldegrave; Judges, Warrant Officer L. Crawthorne, Flight-Sergeant H. Kettle and Sgt. J. Brady; Starters, Mr. H. Lawrence and Mr. W. J. Smith; Hon. treasurer, Mr. J. S. C. Greenwood; M.C.s, Mr. Selwyn Cudwell and Mr. F. J. Titcombe. Results:—

30 Yards, boys 2-7.—1. S. Haines; 2. W. Connolly; 3. H. Connolly; Ditto, girls.—1. June Allen; 2. Hilary King.

50 Yards, boys 7-9.—1. J. Goodale; 2. N. Storer; 3. B. Castle; Ditto, girls.—1. Mary Goodale; 2. Iris Hall; 3. A. M. Cox.

80 Yards, boys 9-11.—1. D. Burville; 2. P. Cox; 3. H. Whitwick; Ditto, girls.—1. Iris Hall; 2. Valerie Allen; 3. Violet Vines.

100 Yards, boys 11-13.—1. Brian Mulford; 2. Percy Talbot; 3. Arthur King; Ditto, girls.—1. Maud Handridge; 2. Rose Kitten; 3. June Webb.

150 Yards, boys 13-15.—1. Brian Smith; 2. Norman Pugh; 3. G. Mulford; Ditto, girls.—1. Lois Kitten; 2. Eileen Dunsdale; 3. Doreen James.

100 Yards, boys 15-17.—1. Donald Burville; 2. H. Cox; 3. G. Patmore; Ditto, girls.—1. Kathleen Cox; 2. Stella Mulford; 3. Doreen Sharpe.

Three-legged Race, boys 11-13.—1. E. and N. Storer; 2. J. Goodale and B. Castle; 3. B. Smith and W. Lee; Ditto, girls.—1. K. Cox and S. Mulford; 2. L. Kitten and D. James.

Tim Can Race, boys 13-15.—1. E. Storer; 2. W. Turner; 3. A. Keats; Ditto, girls.—1. D. James; 2. S. Mulford; 3. L. Kitten.

Egg and Spoon, boys 5-7.—1. Jim Brady; 2. Tony Townsend; 3. B. Mulford; Ditto, girls.—1. John Goodale; 2. Terence Thorrington; 3. N. Storer.

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Left: Winners of the under five class—V. Skinner, P. Kirk and P. Hughes. Right: A decorated pram, which won second prize, entered by K. Trotman, H. James, J. Hancock and P. Trotman.

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Domestic violence is any physical, emotional or sexual abuse between people who are, or have been in a close relationship. It can happen to anyone, whatever their age. It can take the form of threats and intimidation, mental or verbal criticism, and it can result in feelings of guilt, low self-esteem, depression and stress. Outsiders may not realise what is happening, but help is available, just a phone call away.

If you need help straight away dial 999.

If you are not in immediate danger but want to talk to someone in confidence try one of the agencies listed below, or phone the Police and ask for the Area Domestic Violence co-ordinator on Abingdon 776000, Oxford (01865) 266404, or Witney (01993) 703913.

If you are reluctant to contact the Police, there are other agencies to whom you can speak confidentially, some of which are:-

Oxford Womens Aid - Oxford (01865) 791186. They can offer a safe place to stay, and information, advice and support to women and their children.

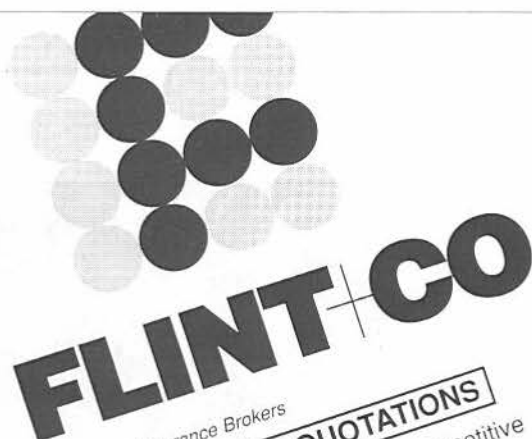
Victim Support - Abingdon 811186 or Oxford (01865) 711186. They have a team of volunteers who visit people at home or in a neutral place, and offer emotional support and practical help.

Housing Rights Centre Oxford (01865) 247853. They offer free advice on housing issues.

Citizens Advice Bureau - Oxford (01865) 247578 and in Didcot. They offer free information on benefits, women's rights, divorce and custody of children, and a range of other information. They can also advise you on how to contact a solicitor and whether you will be eligible for Legal Aid.

Oxford Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Centre - Oxford (01865) 726275. They offer free confidential support to women of all ages who have suffered any physical, emotional or sexual abuse recently or in the past.

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Little Pippins Pre-School

Another successful term at Little Pippins drew to a close with a coffee morning on Thursday 20th March. A variety of stalls all contributed to Pre-School funds, and for the children there was an Easter egg hunt and an Easter Bonnet Parade. We were lucky enough to have a sunny morning and all the children turned out in their bonnets and had great fun, as you can see in the picture.

We would like to remind parents of pre-school children that Little Pippins is registered to take vouchers from the 1st of April. For further information please call Yvonne Hinchliffe on 835397.

Winterbrook Youth Club

Monday evenings - Freeman Hall

Juniors 8 - 14 years 6 - 8 pm

Seniors 15 - 21 years 8 - 10 pm

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All young people in Harwell are welcome to join Youth Club.

Our senior Club recently enjoyed a weekend away at Youth Clubs UK Festival of Fun held at Pontins, Great Yarmouth. We walked on the beach, went into town, were the only people mad enough to go on the log flume that day, ate tons of chips, discoed till the small hours, slept in late, thought about buying a lovely timeshare chalet in downtown Hemsby and played Billy Boys Bingo! Generally everyone had a good time getting away from Harwell for the weekend. The Y. Club would like to thank Malcolm Birkinshaw for being our male leader for the weekend. "Thanks for your company Malcolm, you have a great rapport with young people." J.M.

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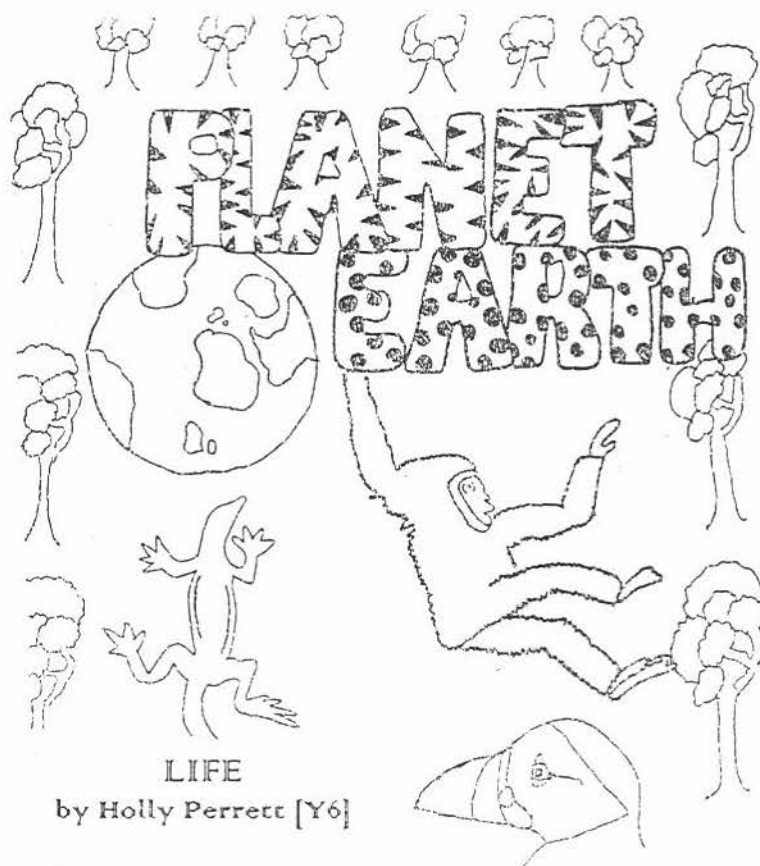
Harwell Primary School

Last term, with other schools in the Didcot Schools Partnership, we took part in the Didcot Schools Arts Festival. Groups of children visited St Birinus School to listen to the school's jazz band, heard David Fanshawe, composer of *African Sanctus*, talk about his music and his travels, went sketching with Blooming Arts, and sang in the Primary Schools Music Festival, the centrepiece of which was a performance of the cantata *Along Came Man* by Oxfordshire composer Lynn Marsh, in which one of our own pupils, Hannah Delfosse, took the leading soloist's role.

But the most exciting event of all, for our school, was the publication of an anthology of writing and drawing, by Harwell School children, on the theme of caring for the environment. The anthology was called *Planet Earth* and copies were sent out to every nursery, primary and secondary school in and around Didcot as our very special contribution to the Arts Festival. We have a number of copies of the anthology on loan at school and we would be happy to lend them out to any Harwell residents who would like to find out what Harwell's children are thinking about the world in which they are growing up and how they translate their ideas into poems, letters, stories and sketches. The anthology was great fun to produce and we think that the children in the school have every reason to feel proud of their achievement.

Now that a new term has begun we are looking forward to the special open day which we are planning for Thursday, June 19th, when the whole school will be open for visitors - parents, relatives, friends, neighbours, passers by - to come in and watch the children at work. If you would be interested in seeing our school in action we hope you will come along. Details will be available at the school a little later during the term.

Michael Armstrong



LIFE
by Holly Perrett [Y6]

The path that you choose,
will you live or die.
Your life is suffering,
"Why, why, why?"

You run in the hills,
you play a lot.
Then your life ends,
"Shot, shot, shot."

The day you die,
your ivory is mine.
It hangs on people's walls,
"Why, why, why?"

Look at the people's greed
my dear friend now
your elephant's grave
is in the ground.

RHINO

by Katie Lockwood [Y5]

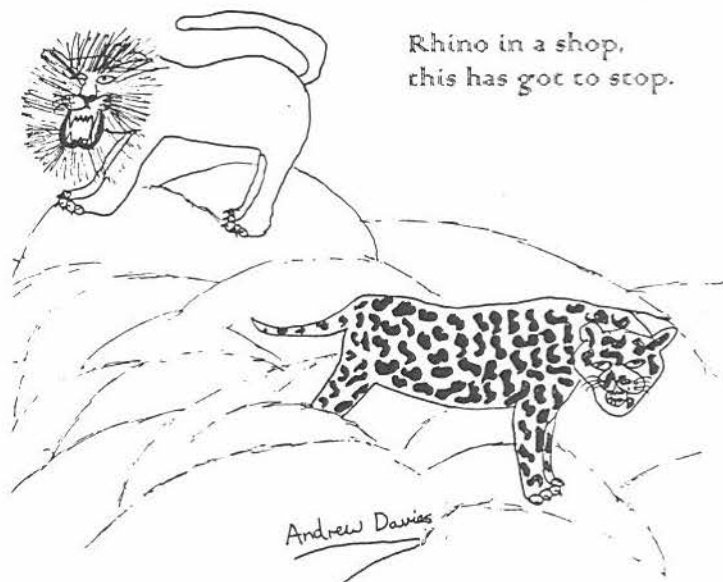
Rhino in a place
with a gun near its face.
Stop! Stop! Stop!

Rhino in a place
with a gun on its face,
Please! Please! Please!

Rhino in a place
with a gun on its face,
Dead! Dead! Dead!

Rhino in a plane,
now without the pain.

Rhino in a shop,
this has got to stop.



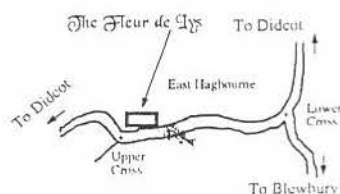
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Reminders

Summer is Coming

Do lock your house and garden sheds, even if you are only going to be absent for a short time.

Antique Buyers

They are reported to be back yet again in the area. Leaflets through the door seem to suggest that dealers buying and selling antiques are bona fide. However you may do better by seeking advice from at least two dealers listed in the Yellow pages.

Garden Ornaments

The loss of valuable Garden Ornaments have been reported. Post coding and taking photographs of them increases the chance of them being returned to you if that are recovered by the police.

Garden Scrubs

The loss of Garden Scrubs have also been reported, which has caused much distress to the owners.

If you do see anything SUSPICIOUS Please DO REPORT IT immediately to the Wantage Control Room (Phone 01235 776000). Relevant messages will be sent by Ringmaster to Village Co-ordinators.

The Local Beat Officer for Harwell is P C John Parsons. You can always leave a less urgent message for him by phoning the Police (01235 776000).

Please look out for the Latest Neighbourhood Watch Information on the Parish Council Notice Board, which is outside Fanfare Stores. If you have any information for these notices please contact Mr Jim Mein, Telephone Number 01235 834384.

KEEP MINDERS

- going away?
- worried about leaving your home unoccupied?
- your cat prefers home comforts to holidays in the cattery?
- your indoor and outdoor plants need care?
- other tasks needing attention during your absence?
- feeling guilty about asking neighbours and relatives yet again?

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Bonfires: Parishioners are reminded to consider their neighbours before lighting bonfires. There is probably not a good time of day to suit all, but please have consideration for the neighbours' washing, tea party or other activity as well as the wind direction before commencing. And please try to avoid burning anything that might give off nasty fumes.

And on the subject of nasty emissions, the Parish Council continues to receive complaints about dog mess. The current 'black spot', it seems, is Jennings Lane, where fouling of the footpath seems to take place at night.

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Harwell Village Hall

The Management Committee met in the Freeman Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 18th March. The usual routine business included reports from the officers about the ongoing work to clear and insulate the roofspace above the Village Hall; on the state of the finances; on the format of a new Party Booking Form and on the progress of the applications for renewal of the Public Entertainment and Theatre Licences. It was reported that Mrs Plumb; Mrs Lee and Mrs Goodchild, hitherto responsible for fundraising events, were willing to continue assistance, but there were no volunteers to assume responsibility for fundraising.

Progress with the provision of a new toilet block, including a wheel-chair-accessible toilet, was reported. Grants have been promised from the Parish Council (£2000); from the County Council (£2500); from the Rural Development Commission (£4181). The Vale Council has been asked to grant (£5000). With the balance coming from Hall funds whatever the Vale decision, it was agreed necessary to make arrangements to proceed with the work to begin in late July. It is likely to take about one month, and it is planned to hire portable toilets for the period.

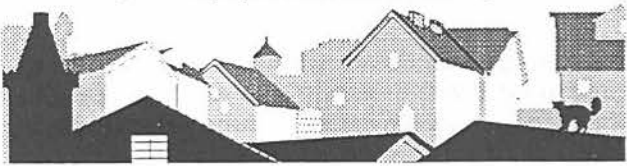
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The necessity to repair the Freeman Hall roof was discussed, as was a request to improve the Freeman Hall heating by next Autumn. Until the financing of the toilets is clear the funds available for these are uncertain.

It was reported that the new cooker had just been installed. This has been purchased with help from Age Concern (Alzheimer's Society), whose contribution was greatly appreciated.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Freeman Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 20 May 1997. All interested villagers are welcome to attend.

Secretaries Mr & Mrs D. Neill 834720

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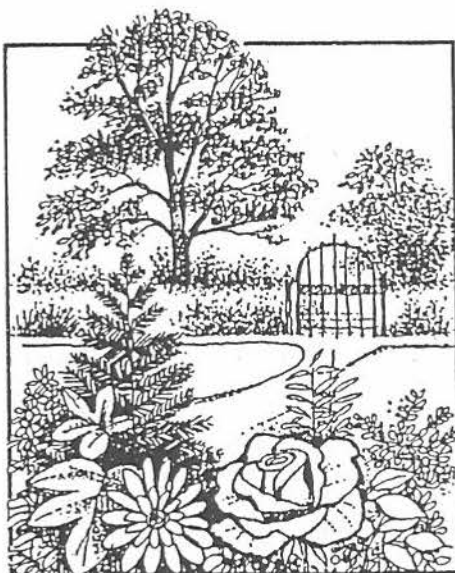
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APRIL IS PROBABLY THE GARDENERS' BUSIEST MONTH - THE WEATHER IS WARMING UP, THE DAYS ARE GETTING LONGER AND ANY COLD SPELL IS LIKELY TO BE OF SHORT DURATION.

THE SOIL BECOMES WORKABLE AND PLANTS ARE SPRINGING INTO LIFE.

APRIL IS USUALLY REGARDED AS THE BEST MONTH FOR PLANTING OR TRANSPLANTING EVERGREENS BUT SUCH PLANTS MUST BE KEPT WELL WATERED AND MULCHED - REMEMBER THEY HAVE ALL THEIR LEAVES WHICH CONSTANTLY LOSE MOISTURE TO THE ATMOSPHERE. DECIDUOUS PLANTS & SHRUBS WILL ALSO NEED PLENTY OF WATER UNTIL THEIR ROOTS ARE WELL ESTABLISHED.

AN AREA WELL AROUND THE PLANT NEEDS TO BE KEPT MOIST FOR THE ROOTS TO SPREAD INTO.

HOW YOU TREAT YOUR LAWN NOW WILL LARGELY DETERMINE ITS CONDITION FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON. IF MOSS IS A PROBLEM SPIKING CAN BE A BIG HELP (MOTORISED SPIKERS & SCARIFIERS DO A MARVELLOUS JOB & ARE FAR BETTER THAN ANYTHING YOU CAN DO BY HAND & MUCH LESS EFFORT - IF YOU HAVEN'T ONE OF YOUR OWN OR CAN'T BORROW ONE THEY CAN BE HIRED.). MOSS KILLER SHOULD BE APPLIED BEFORE SCARIFYING & A COMBINED WEED & FEED INCLUDING MOSS KILLER AFTER SCARIFYING THIS WILL DEAL WITH ANY REMAINING MOSS SPORES. WHEN MOWING, CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF CUTS FROM TIME TO TIME.

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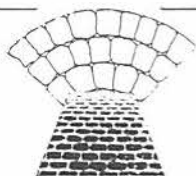
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BE PREPARED FOR ANY SIGNS OF PEST OR DISEASE AND TAKE ACTION IMMEDIATELY - A LITTLE NOW CAN BECOME A LOT LATER. HAVE SOME REMEDIES TO HAND OR KNOW WHERE THEY CAN BE OBTAINED QUICKLY THE LATTER IS IMPORTANT WITH ORGANIC CONTROLS BECAUSE WHENEVER YOU USE PREDATORS, NEMATODES ETC. THEY TAKE A WHILE TO ESTABLISH & BUILD UP THEIR NUMBERS & THERE IS USUALLY A MINIMUM TEMPERATURE BELOW WHICH THEY ARE INEFFECTIVE.

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